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sermonette

"I would rather see a good sermon than hear one any day!"

In dedicating this sermonette to Harry Minami and Sod Nakashima, who have left our midst to continue their labor for our Father elsewhere, I am bearing witness to the fact that I have seen them live good sermons day by day.

At last Wednesday evening, in our weekly Bible study meeting, some Junior members of our Young Peoples' church joined us with their teachers and guides mentioned above; and together we had an impressive testimony period. The Spirit-driven testimonies of Sod and Harry were staunchly supplemented by those of the Junior church members, whose testimonies were the more inspiring because in spite of faltering for lack of adequate vocabularies, they gropingly reached out and managed to speak through the spirit of the living God.

The main theme of discussion for the evening was "Personal Evangelism". And the hope of the Third Christian Church in Poston for an increase in church membership and for a possible revival here in camp, seemed to lie in the Junior church group, whose earnest representative members, in making their stand for Jesus known and in voicing their hopes of having others led to the knowledge of Jesus, gave promise that even as yet "a child shall lead the people to God!"

That personal evangelism might be given the proper impetus and that we might serve our Father effectively in the field of personal evangelism, several elements must be taken into account, according to the discussion we had Wednesday evening: First, the Christin evangelist must be imbued with the Holy Spirit; for that is the only source of drive and inspiration. Second, he must know the Word, his Bible, in order to be able to explain and defend scriptural passages. Third, in seeking to lead another to church, he must approach him not from the assumption of equality of the other with himself. I would go further and say he must be humble in his mission. Fourth, he must be moved by, and speak through, the Holy Spirit; for no man ever converted another or led him to Christ. Fifth and last, the Christian evangelist must bear for the other, the "you" attitude; that which God gave him--love. For out of the fulness of the heart speaketh the mouth. If one has a love for our Father, he can love all others, and thus bring sincerity and warmth into his friendly persuasion.

This is not my sermonette. It is the sermonette I witnessed at our Bible meeting. It was a blessing to me, as well as it was to every one else who was present. The moving spirits of the evening were Sod and Harry, whose sincerity and warmth was unmistakable, and whose expressions of Christian love and concern for their younger brothers and sisters in Christ were touching and beautiful.

The most worthwhile tribute we can pay these two splendid young Christians is to try conscientiously to follow in their footsteps in building for God's Kingdom, through observing the elements of personal evangelism and by leading others to Jesus Christ, our Saviour. This is a challenge! Will you take it up for Christ?

George Takaoka

St. Paul made a plea to Timothy which may well apply to us who must yet awhile remain here--"Keep that which is commited to thy trust."

LEST WE NEGLECT

We have all sinned, even the little child. We all need a Saviour, even the little child. He is waiting to hear the smallest child say, "Lord, I believe." Then instead of a law written on tables of stone as Israel had, He will put His love into the heart and that little child will love to the will of the Lord as he is led and taght. Don't think this is idle talk. I have seen children of five and six years so changed that they were a witness to their unbelieving families. God still does miracles. We are the ones of little faith. Try Him.

By Ethel S. Low

From the Sunday School Times

— testimony —

Before going out of camp to work on the outside, I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. All the while I was out there working, I thought of Him, but some how or other something was lacking. I didn't have full faith in Him and kept backsliding.

Two weeks ago when I returned to camp for a visit, all my Christian friends greeted me back here in Poston. I awoke to the realization that I was really lacking in the knowledge of Christ and so losing faith in the Lord.

Now I am really thankful to all my Christian friends who have awakened me and put me back on the right path to be really out and out for the Lord Jesus Christ.

I know what it really means to know Him and talk to Him personally. I can now go back to work outside and be proud to be a real Christian.

Howard Takahashi

JUNIOR CHURCH

The progressive Juniors have industriously undertaken the publishing of a Junior Church bulletin. Those in charge are as follows:

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C.E. NEWS

ADULT AND Y.P. GROUPS

A candle-light service to rededicate their lives to Christ was held by the combined Y.P. and Adult C.E. groups. Rev. Paul Nagano spoke on giving your whole selves up to Christ. A vocal solo, "I Know Whom I Have Believed" was sung by Raiko Komatsu. Every member present participated by testifying of their love for Christ.

SENIORS & JUNIORS

The theme of the meeting, which was attended by a large group of Jr. and Sr. C.E.ers, was "Prayer". Short talks were given on this topic by Florence Takahashi and Shinobu Suzuki. Lillian Wake was the chairman of the program which highlighted a piano solo by Iris Tanaka and two vocal numbers by a quartet composed of Velma Kurihara, June Ozawa, Sumi Kitahata, and Lillian Wake.

— SINGSPIRATION —

Noise of hilarity and merriment issued forth from Chapel I on Thursday evening proving that the singspiration was a big hit.

First on the program was a naniwabushi rendered by "Popo" the great singer, with much emotion and pathos.

The main feature of the evening was a three act play ably performed by an outstanding cast of noted thespians. The baishakunins were Mr. & Mrs. Takenosuke ("Baron" Paul Nagano and Rosie "the Riveter" Tanabe) and Mr. & Mrs. Nishibayashi (Tom Tajiri & Asako Takusagawa). Betty Wake played the part of Mr. & Mrs. Nishibayashi's daughter, while Popo Kaneyuki was Kichizaemon Takenosuke, the kichigai son of the Takenosukes.

The extremely bashful boy and girl who are brought together by the baishakunins were Phillip Endo, better known as "Phillipino" (George Takaoka) and Hanako Kanda nicknamed "Hanakanda" (Carl Yoshimine). In the last act, these two are finally able to overcome their shyness to enact the most romantic scene ever featured.

The evening ended in a serious tone with the singing of favorite hymns by the audience.

D.V.B.S. TEACHERS

A party was held Tuesday night in appreciation for D.V.B.S. teachers. It was also a farewell for Sod Nakashima and Harry Minami who left for Cleveland on Thursday evening.

A wonderful time of fellowship was enjoyed by everyone with refreshments which were served by Nobuko Mukai and her committee. A short devotional concluded the evening in which the Junior Church Trio dedicated the number "He Died of a Broken Heart" to Sod and Harry, followed by a few words of encouragement to the two departees by Pastor Paul Nagano.

DEPARTURES

Many beloved members of our congregation have left us this past week. Other than Sod Nakashima and Harry Minami, they are: Howard Takahashi; Elberta, Utah; Willie Ogino, Chicago, Illinois; Margaret Tanase, Clearfield, Utah; Hideo Ooka, Chicago, Illinois; Nellie Nagano, N. Providence Indiana; Joe Kawaguchi, Chicago, Illinois; Fumi Kuroda, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

— it's a boy! —

A bundle from heaven in the form of a baby boy arrived in the home of the Don Iwahashi's, former Poston III Church members, now in Cleveland, Ohio. Congratulations!